

Village of Roaming Shores Council

March 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Ball. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present : Roy Brommer, Bob Cook, Cheryl Copeland, Holly Mayernick, Joe Palombi, and Chad Vavpetic. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Leeann Moses and Solicitor Bobulsky. Chad Vavpetic gave the Invocation immediately following the Pledge to the Flag.

Mike Creed, from MegaByte, and gave Council and everyone in attendance a quick update on the installation of computer equipment for the police department and the web page hosting changeover.

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING : Holly Mayernick made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to amend a motion in the **TREASURER' REPORT** section of the February 9, 2010 meeting minutes as follows : *have the Clerk-Treasurer pay the members of council and the Mayor quarterly* by removing the **Mayor** and note that the Mayor's salary needs to be reviewed and revaluated by the Solicitor and personnel committee. Roy Brommer made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland to approve the amended minutes of the February 9, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT : A motion was made by Cheryl Copeland, seconded by Chad Vavpetic, to approve the Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$1,836,259.34 for the month of February. The motion passed with all in favor and Holly Mayernick clarified that she voted in favor reluctantly..

MAYOR'S REPORT : Mayor Ball reported that the village submitted a bid to purchase a used police cruiser from Jefferson Village for \$2,500.00. The oldest cruiser will be "retired" and used for meter reading and zoning purposes. He is currently looking at ways to handle the animal nuisance problem at the dam. A pre-construction meeting was held with the Lakeland Management General Contractor and the ground breaking meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2010. The County has awarded the village permission to have control of the Recycling/Compost site. The county will pay for the first grinding of leaves and branches and the Village can pay for the second. The Village is currently accepting bids for grass cutting at both the Village Hall and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Annual Spring Clean-up is quickly approaching and we need to get ready for Saturday, May 1st.

ROME ROCK ASSOCIATION LIAISON REPORT : Gary Phillips, Rome Rock Association General Manager, reported on the recent activities at the Association meetings. A meet the candidates night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th at the Clubhouse.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT : Administrator Kevin Grippi provided a written report for Council and the Mayor. The Efficient Gov grants are awarded to the highest vote getter, and Kevin urged everyone to visit the site and vote for the project submitted he submitted on behalf of the Village. The RFP's (request for proposals) for the web site are due on March 21st. The Administrator asked Council to consider passing an ordinance requiring sanitary sewer back flow preventive devices on the construction of new homes. Application has been made to NOPEC for a \$50,000 grant which could be used to apply for matching funds to change our current lift stations from a single phase to three phase. Roy Brommer asked for a vehicle maintenance log report and for clarification on the upcoming road paving projects.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT : Chief Rasmussen provided a written report for the month of February. The department handled 19 complaints, travelled 2,774 miles and consumed 196 gallons of fuel. The Chief would like to have the part-time officers work a total of an additional 32 hours per week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS : *Planning/Zoning* – The committee met the first Monday of the month and referred to items to the Zoning Board of Appeals committee and is working on addressing the concerns of the Worship on the Water services. Ed Baitt was asked to see if the Association would allow the boat patrol to refer any zoning violations which they observe to the village administrator. *Finance/Audit* – the committee meets the Monday prior to the Council meeting at 9:00AM. *Lake Dam/Stormwater* - The Village received a public notice from the EPA regarding the replacement of culverts on RT. 322 which could effect the water that flows into our lake. The hearing will be held at the Village Hall in Orwell on Thursday, April 22nd beginning at 6:30 PM. *Personnel* – The committee will meet on Monday April 5th at 4:30 PM at the Village office, it is time for the bi-annual employee reviews. Holly Mayernick noted that we need to be cautious regarding the involvement of village administrator with the Village Hall project since he also is employed by the engineering firm in charge of the project. Joe Palombi stated that the Village Administrator/Zoning inspector should monitor the progress of the Village Hall project. *Safety* – The Mayor asked the Chief to prepare a tentative schedule for the part-time officers. The Mutual Aid agreement was reviewed by the Solicitor, who found no problem with it. A date needs to be set for the Firemen's Appreciation cook out. *SCAD/Utility Committee* – SCAD responded to 3 visits within our village last month, 11 year to date. The new ambulance should be delivered late in July. The minutes of the March 4, 2010, Utility Study Group were distributed. *Roads/Community Development* - Holly Mayernick asked for clarification of the tasks and goals of the committee. *Records* – nothing to report.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS : *Ed Baitt* added that the *Bloody Murder* editorial in the latest issue of the *Shores News* was troubling to him, since the Village has been talking about the Village Hall project for years at the council meetings. *Bob Gregory* is concerned about the lack of communication between the Village and the Association regarding the recent repair work completed on the utility lines. *Mary Clark* stated too much time and effort is being spent on the address sign ordinance and that she find the Village Hall project offensive in this current economic time. *Jill Nevins* asked what she can do as a resident to get involved in the Village Hall project to save money and keep the cost down. *Bob Gregory* added that changes still can be made to the Village Hall project, it's not too late. *Holly Mayernick* expressed her views and concerns on the Village Hall project and begged Council to pay an additional fee to Smolen to re-design the building and not accept the additional \$300,000 loan. *Rupert Harris* stated that the Village has been talking about the Village Hall Project for years, and often there where only himself and another visitor present, now that it is a reality, everyone is coming to express their opinions. *Don Sotka* added that he has lived here 22 years, and never gotten involved with the planning of the building because he was never asked. *Pat French* added that she can't understand why the Village needs a building that big, and that costly. *Jill Nevins* questioned the need to build a new village hall during these economic times. *Ed Baitt* noted that he would like to see nothing better than the Village and Association working together, but they too must watch how they spend their money. *William Badell* distributed pictures of the damage that was caused during the winter snow plowing. He was asked to express his concerns with the Association, since they do all the road snow plowing. *Don Sotka* explained that he would like to dispel any rumors and answer any question about the Worship on the Water service on Sunday mornings. They are simply trying to share the gospel and it is an asset to our community and the service actually was the reason why two new families located here. *Sandra Brewster* added that the music coming from WOW is not offensive, and usually lasts an hour a week. Often during the summer months, the music that comes from the Clubhouse is extremely offensive and last all day. *Ed Baitt* stated that he lives directly across from the WOW service, and he has no complaints and neither do his neighbors. *Laurie Rider* added that the WOW service is willing to operate within the rules and regulations. *Mary Clark* suggested that the Village could ask the WOW service to turn down the volume but what about the music at the Clubhouse? *Jill Nevins* asked that we remind residents that the Village has a leash law for dogs. *Cheryl Copeland* added that the minutes of the Village Council meeting are always printed in the *Shores News* and often the reporter is in attendance of the meeting. The Council strives to make sound business decisions,

because it is our money too that is being spent. *Doris Karger* explained why the Village is building a new building, rather than remodel the current one. *Bob Gregory* inquired about the status of the parking lot adjacent to the Greenway Trail, located near the wastewater treatment plant. *Kevin Grippi* replied that there isn't any road tax money available until 2012 for the parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS : Holly Mayernick appealed to council to talk to Smolen Engineering and the Village Hall Project Contractor, Fahim Gemayel, to re-draw the plans and see if there is any value to minimize expenses. Chad Vavpetic agreed and added that it seems that it is essential to have a public forum to allow everyone to express their thoughts and ideas. Holly Mayernick made a motion to meet with Smolen Engineering to work on these issues at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00 toward the re-drawing of the plans with recommended changes, seconded by Roy Brommer. Discussion followed and a roll call vote was taken, : Roy Brommer, Bob Cook, Cheryl Copeland and Joe Palombi voted "no", and Holly Mayernick and Chad Vavpetic voting in favor of the motion : the motion failed. Holly Mayernick made a motion to have Smolen Engineering and Lakeland Management meet to talk about the items discussed to reduce and minimize the costs, not including funds allocated for re-drawings, seconded by Chad Vavpetic. Roll Call vote was taken and the following voted in favor : Roy Brommer, Holly Mayernick and Chad Vavpetic. Bob Cook, Cheryl Copeland and Joe Palombi voted no. Since the vote was tied, it was necessary for Mayor Ball to vote, and he voted in favor which allowed the motion to be approved. Joe Palombi gave Council and those in attendance a brief timetable of the occurrence of the discussions on the construction of a new village hall.

NEW BUSINESS : Mayor Ball reported that the Clerk-Treasurer would like to attend to two seminars, one required by the State Treasurer, the other is offered by Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program. Holly Mayernick made a motion, seconded by Bob Cook, to approve the Clerk-Treasurer to attend both seminars. The motion passed with all in favor. (2) Discussion on the website followed and it was decided that a member of Council should review the Request for Proposal for the updating and hosting of the webpage. (3) The annual Ashtabula County Health District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 PM and Bob Cook and Chad Vavpetic agreed to attend as representatives for the Village. (4) Cheryl Copeland made a motion, seconded by Roy Brommer authorizing Chad Vavpetic to attend the training for newly elected members offered thru Kent State University. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 486-11-09 : *Mandating Lot Numbers for all homes and lakefront lots (3rd)* Roy Brommer made a motion, seconded by Holly Mayernick to have Ordinance 486-11-09 remain tabled. The motion passed with all in favor. It was agreed to remand this Ordinance to the planning/zoning committee.

ORDINANCE 488-11-09 : *Establishing a Capital Improvement Fund (3rd)*. Cheryl Copeland made a motion, seconded by Holly Mayernick, to have Ordinance 499-11-09 remain tabled and the remand it to the finance committee. The motion passed with all in favor.

ORDINANCE 493-03-09: *Permanent Appropriations for 2010 (1st)*. Bob Cook made a motion, seconded by Holly Mayernick, to waive the rules and consider Ordinance 493-03-10 as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Chad Vavpetic made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to approve Emergency Ordinance 493-03-12 for the first and final reading. The motion passed with all in favor.

ANY OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS : Bob Cook spoke to Rome Township Trustee Gary Hunter regarding the lots for sale adjacent to the cemetery. The township can not put a bid in for those lots, but would gladly accept them as a donation.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS : Cheryl Copeland made a motion, seconded by Roy Brommer, to approve the payment of the following bills : Roaming Shores Utility - \$495.72, Amazing Auto Works - \$909.96, Northeastern Communications - \$57.95, Village of Jefferson - \$2,500.00, Village of Middlefield - \$1,875.00, Government Accounting Solutions - \$1,200.00, Love Insurance - \$980.00, Smolen Engineering - \$7,021.75. The motion passed with all in favor.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS : *There were none at this time.*

ADJOURNMENT : Bob Cook made a motion, seconded by Cheryl Copeland, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER

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